

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 5, 1999
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

James Kaylor, City of Glendale, Chairman	*Michael Maurer, University of Arizona
*Esmie Azila, City of Avondale	Cooperative Extension
Paul Bishop for Jacqueline Strong, City of Chandler	John Power, Maricopa County Department of Environmental Services
Lonnie Frost, Town of Gilbert	*Ajay Shah, Motorola
Bill Haney, City of Mesa	*Mark Courtney, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Kevin Kadlec, City of Peoria	Ray Hedrick, Salt River Project
Robert Hollander, City of Phoenix	*Gene Cetwinski, Valley Forward Association
*Tom Gallier, City of Tempe	Fred Haasch for Eugene T. Jensen, Citizen Representative
*Barbara Olivieri, City of Scottsdale	*Laura Watson, Citizen Representative
John Boyer, Arizona Public Service	Elaine Arena, Citizen Representative
*Steve Hildreth, Arizona State Land Department	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lindy Bauer, Maricopa Association of Governments	Sheila Ehlers, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Shannon Reif, Arizona Department of Water Resources	

Since a quorum was not yet present, James Kaylor, City of Glendale, Chairman, announced that the discussion of nonaction items would begin until a quorum of Committee members is established.

4. Arizona Unified Water Quality Permit Rewrite Project

Bob Hollander, City of Phoenix, gave an update on the progress made on the Arizona Unified Water Quality Permit Rewrite Project. This project was initiated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in July 1997. The purpose of this redesign effort is to make specific recommendations for rule revisions to consolidate and streamline the agency permit process, supporting policies and guidance.

It was decided that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and reuse permits would follow a separate track. A new Aquifer Protection Permit (APP) process is being considered. The new APP will not include the approval to construct process since the rules were rescinded.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Subcommittee has been charged with developing revised APP and sewerage rules, developing a model permit for wastewater treatment plants, and preparing a comparison of the existing rules with the new proposed rules. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has established a deadline of December 12, 1999 for completion of the draft revised rules by the Subcommittee.

Lindy Bauer, MAG, inquired about the incorporation of the 208 consistency process into the new wastewater treatment rules and APP. The wastewater treatment plants should not begin construction unless they are consistent with the 208 Plan.

Mr. Hollander indicated that the 208 consistency process would be part of the APP process. The 208 Plan consistency review process will begin early in the APP process.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kaylor called the meeting to order since the Committee now had a quorum of members at the meeting.

2. Approval of the September 14, 1999 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 14, 1999 meeting. John Boyer, Arizona Public Service, moved and Mr. Hollander seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the September 14, 1999 meeting.

3. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision Consultant Selection

Chairman Kaylor reported that on September 13, 1999, MAG received four proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision. A multi-agency review team evaluated each proposal and participated in an interview process on September 27, 1999. Each proposal and presentation was considered based on the factors listed in the Proposal Evaluation and Selection Process as presented in the RFP. It was the consensus of the review team that Carollo Engineers should be the consultant selected for the project. In general, Carollo Engineers demonstrated a thorough knowledge of water quality management issues and also presented potential innovative concepts for improving the overall process.

Proposals were submitted by Black & Veatch, Carollo Engineers, HDR Engineering, Inc. and Malcolm Pirnie. Each of them met the requirements listed in the Request for Proposals. The multi-agency review team included representatives from Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and MAG staff. It is now requested that the Water Quality Advisory Committee make a recommendation to MAG on the consultant selection for the project.

Kevin Kadlec, City of Peoria, inquired about the project manager identified by Carollo for the 208 Plan Revision.

Ms. Bauer indicated that James Fulton would be the project manager for the Carollo team. Mr. Fulton worked on the MAG 1979 208 Plan and 1982 Point Source Plan Update. He is very knowledgeable about water quality management planning issues.

Chairman Kaylor indicated that Carollo provided the best team for this project and had all the members of the team at the consultant interview.

Mr. Hollander commented that Mr. Fulton has excellent experience in this area.

Mr. Kadlec made a motion to recommend that the consultant firm of Carollo Engineers be selected to develop the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Revision for an amount not to exceed \$223,840. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Frost, Town of Gilbert, and passed unanimously by the Committee.

5. Phoenix Active Management Area Safe Yield Task Force

In May 1999, the Arizona Department of Water Resources began to organize a Safe Yield Task Force for the Phoenix Active Management Area as a part of a statewide effort. The Task Force will provide focus on regional and local management actions necessary to ensure a sustainable water supply.

Sheila Ehlers, Arizona Department of Water Resources, gave a presentation on the Safe Yield Task Force and the preliminary issues that have been identified thus far. The presentation included a discussion of the following items: Safe Yield Issues; Groundwater Code Requirements; Renewable Supply Underutilization; Groundwater Pumping/Critical Area Issues/Physical Availability; Conservation Requirement Program Issues; and Other Issues.

Ms. Ehlers indicated that the Arizona Department of Water Resources just approved the Third Management Plan. The new plan will be subject to a public hearing. In general, it appears that based upon current and projected demands, the trend is moving further away from safe yield.

Mr. Kadlec suggested that the Safe Yield Task Force include a representative with expertise in hydrology and geology.

Ms. Ehlers indicated that the Department will invite various groups to cover any stakeholders that need to be represented in the process.

Elaine Arena, Citizen Representative, inquired about a breakdown of problem users.

Ms. Ehlers indicated that the Industrial User category has no requirement for renewable supplies. Agriculture is also not required to make progress on renewable supplies. The Municipal Users, however, have been making progress on renewables.

Mr. Frost asked if there was really a need for a statewide program.

Ms. Ehlers indicated that while there are certain issues which need to remain local issues, sometimes there is a need for statewide consistency. For example, the definition of safe yield should be consistent on a statewide basis.

Chairman Kaylor thanked Ms. Ehlers for the presentation and noted that it would be beneficial for Ms. Ehlers to brief the Committee again in the future.

6. Call to the Public

Chairman Kaylor provided an opportunity to members of the public to address the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee. No comments were presented.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.